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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION: Masaaki TAKATA, et al.

SERIAL NO.: 10/786,555

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EXAMINER: LUND, JEFFRIE ROBERT

FOR: OUTER TUBE MADE OF SILICON CARBIDE AND THERMAL TREATMENT SYSTEM  
FOR SEMICONDUCTORS

**LETTER SUBMITTING REPLACEMENT DRAWING SHEET(S)**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
Alexandria, VA 22313

SIR:

Responsive to the below indicated communication, the following drawing sheets are submitted herewith:

☒ 1 Replacement Drawing Sheet

☐ \_\_\_\_\_ New Drawing Sheets

☒ Official Action dated July 17, 2006

☐ Notice of Allowance/Issue Fee dated \_\_\_\_\_

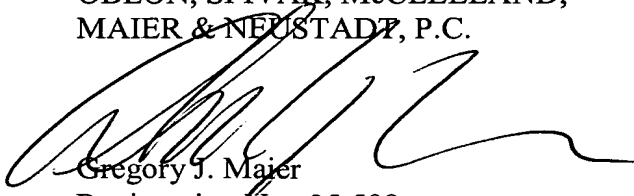
☐ Other dated \_\_\_\_\_

The changes and/or modifications made include the following:

Figure 4 of the drawings has been amended to remove Reference Numerals 72a, 72b and 72c and add the legend "Background Art."

Respectfully Submitted,

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